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Subject: Status of Falcon Draft AOC for an Alternative Site

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Gus, as you are aware we have been working on the Falcon Draft AOC for an "alternative site," **at the request of the PRP**, for over 4 months now.

The attorney for the Site informed me today she will begin work on a removal AOC. She informed me that she will forward the RI/FS AOC to Mark P. by this week for his comment and before we can forward it to the state and federal trustees for comment.

I am concerned that the intent here is to sign a removal order before the order for the RI/FS. This is not necessary. The RI/FS order is basically complete and a removal is not necessary before any RI/FS work can commence. The removal will only involve emptying several tanks, disposing of the liquids, and destruction of the tanks. An entire wetland/bay area can be investigated as part of the RI/FS while the removal is ongoing.

I am also concerned that we will lose a great opportunity to recover RI/FS costs, and possibly RD/RA costs, if we don't act in a timely manner. It is not very often when a PRP is so willing to perform work.

I recommend that we meet with Mark the week of February 24th if we still don't have an RI/FS order ready for the trustee's comments.

## Thanks.

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## **Assigned Sites:**

Brine Service Company Superfund Site (Corpus Christi, Texas) -

http://www.epa.gov/earth1r6/6sf/pdffiles/brine.pdf

Falcon Refinery Site (Ingleside, Texas) -

http://www.epa.gov/earth1r6/6sf/pdffiles/falcon.pdf

Many Diversified Interests, Inc. Superfund Site (Houston, Texas) -

http://www.epa.gov/earth1r6/6sf/pdffiles/mdi.pdf Star Lake Canal Superfund Site (Port Neches, Texas) -

http://www.epa.gov/earth1r6/6sf/pdffiles/starlake.pdf



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